

**REMARKS**

Applicant concurrently files herewith an excess claim fee payment letter for thirty five (35) additional dependent claims and the multiple dependent claim fee of \$290.00.

Claims 12, 21 and 25 have been amended to restore multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made to merely clarify the language of each claim, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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